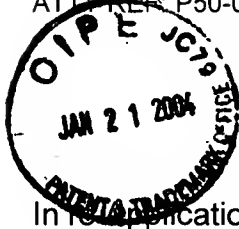


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Application No.: 09/995,340) Group Art Unit: 1733
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Filing Date: November 27, 2001)
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Title: Tire with multiple carcass reinforcement)
plies having beads of specified structure)

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003.

In the Action, the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-4 and 6 under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over International Publication WO 02/076767 (Chung) in view of page 373 of the Mechanics of Pneumatic Tires (1971).

The Chung publication was cited as being prior art under 35 USC § 102(e), having an effective date of 31 August 2001.

In response, Applicants submit the enclosed Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 to demonstrate that the subject invention was conceived and reduced to practice before the effective date of the Chung publication. As stated in the Declaration, a record of the invention was written before the effective date of Chung. A sheet from the record bearing drawings of the claimed invention is included as evidence of the earlier conception and reduction to practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the Chung publication be excluded as citable art, and the rejection accordingly withdrawn. Because the Chung publication was the base reference, Applicants request that the application be passed to issue.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any questions or to expedite any other matters that may remain in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

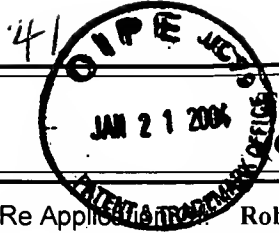
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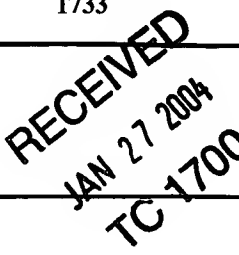
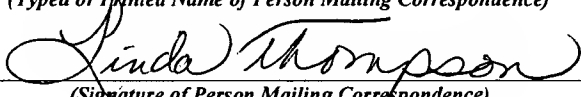


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